



2013 CHILCAS SINGLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Camilo Viani
REGION: Itata Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay
MATURATION: Aged on lees for 10-12 months in French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.8% alc/vol | TA: 5.7 g/L | pH: 3.3

VINTAGE:

The 2013 growing season was normal in the southern zone of Itata, in contrast to the cold spring that occurred in Chile's Central Zone. The poor, granite soils of the Itata Valley and the cooling influence of the nearby Humboldt Current produced grapes with intense flavor and balanced natural acidity.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were harvested during the third week of March and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and pressing. Next, 20% of the fruit was cold macerated for eight to ten hours followed by fermentation in stainless steel tanks. 100% of the wine was then aged on its lees for ten to twelve months in French oak barrels. The wine was naturally cold stabilized during winter and then earth-filtered once prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2013 Chilcas Single Vineyard Chardonnay displays a light greenish-yellow color with golden hues. Very intense on the nose, this wine unveils elegant characters of stone and tropical fruits such as pineapple, mango, kiwi and peach. The palate is balanced with a lovely harmony among fruit notes, freshness and integrated sweetness.

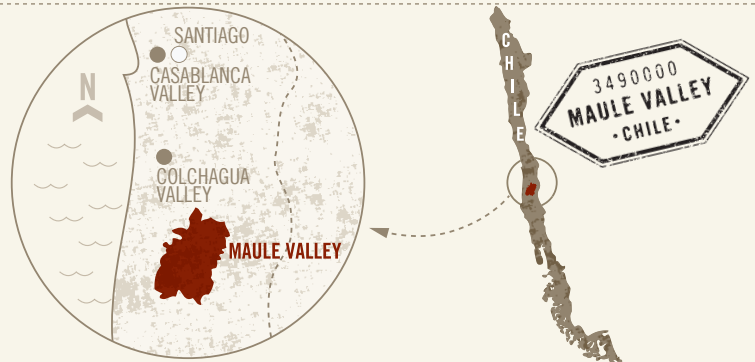
CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Vinous

ABOUT CHILCAS:

Nestled in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, in the shadow of the Descabezado Volcano, lies the Chilcas flagship Maule Valley San Rafael Vineyard. Named for a native Chilean bush with fine pigment that grows in the region, Chilcas wines exude a sense of place and strong varietal expression. With an emphasis on the Maule Valley, Winemaker Camilo Viani aims to produce the finest wines from more than 2,500 acres of estate vineyards in the Maule, Curico, Colchagua and Casablanca Valleys and across three tiers of wines - Reservas, Icons and Single Vineyards. A true steward to the land, Chilcas is intensely committed to sustainability and, as part of the VIA Wines family, has been certified sustainable under Wines of Chile's Sustainability program.



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